Interest on loans to Indian Shipping Companies

1747. KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the rate of interest on loans to shipping industry in the country has recently been raised;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider the decision to provide concessional interest rates enabling the shipping industry to recover and to become economically viable?

THE MINISTER OF TRANSPORT (SHRI BANSI LAL): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) There is no proposal to provide loans at further concessional interest rates to shipping industry as the present rate of 7½ per cent per annum itself is quite low.

Preservation of Banswara Temples in Rajasthan

1748. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the press report which appeared in the 'Indian Express' of the 5th October, 1985 regarding neglected temples of Banswara where country's architectural wealth is lying in utter neglect; and

(b) if so, what measures have been taken by Government to preserve the architectural wealth in Banswara temples in Rajasthan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF EDUCATION AND CULTURE (SMT. SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Government is aware of the press report on the Temples of Banswara.

(b) The Shiva temple and ancient remains at Arthuna and the ancient remains at Vithal Deva in District Banswara are under Central protection. The loose architectural members and sculptures are housed in the sculpture shed at the site. Necessary Watch and Ward staff is posted at the site to look after the temple and the sculptures. Structural repairs to the Shiva temple at Arthuna have been completed and repairs to the Suryakund are being taken up in the current financial year.

Drumken piloting in Air Service

1749. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of cases of 'drunken piloting' of the Air India/Indian Airlines flights, the commanders during the last two years in violation of flight safety regulations; and

(b) what action has been taken by Government against these pilots to ensure strict adherance of the flight safety regulations for the safety of the passengers and the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) There has been not a single case in the last two years in Air India/Indian Airlines where a drunken pilot had flown an aircraft.

(b) Does not arise.

Pregnant Women affected by Mythyl-Iso-Facilities for trawler units

1750. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Governments attention has been drawn to the news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times of the 4th October, 1985 wherein it has been stated that about 400 pregnant women who were affected by methyl-Iso-Cyanate poisoning from the Union Carbide factory, Bhopal in December, last year have undergone abortions;

(b) whether any study was conducted in these cases before the abortions were conducted; and

(c) if so, what were the reasons for abortion?